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104.2	1786
104.9	1780
104.3	1925
105.1	1942
105.0	1913
104.7 Average	1870 Average
24 Hour Shrinkage %:	7 Day Shrinkage %:
.0002	.0042

Indentation Test

Test panels were cast $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and allowed to air dry. Indentation was evaluated by loading the surface of the panels with a 1" diameter disc.

Load on a 1" Disc	Observations
1250	No Indentation
1500	No Indentation
1750	Slight Indentation
Setting Time:	
(Modified Vicat) ASTM C-472 = 55 Minutes	

TEST II

Composition: 80 lbs.
Sand: 1.80 Cubic Feet
Water: 7.85 Gallons

Density p.c.f.	Compressive Strength psi
104.8	1485
105.2	1622
104.1	1555
105.5	1520
105.0	1538
104.9 Average	1544 Average
24 Hour Shrinkage %:	7 Day Shrinkage %:
.00002	.0047

Indentation Test

Test panels were cast $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and allowed to air dry. Indentation was evaluated by loading the surface of the panels with a 1" diameter disc.

Load on a 1" Disc	Observation
1250	No Indentation
1500	No Indentation
1750	Slight Indentation
Setting Time:	
(Modified Vicat) ASTM C-472 = 86 Minutes	

Other water soluble vinyl polymers are believed to be suitable for use in my invention; as well as water soluble calcium stearate to improve water resistance.

Having described my invention what I now claim is:

1. A flooring mix which consists essentially of:

(a) a composition comprising calcium sulfate hemihydrate admixed with 0.005625 parts $\pm 50\%$ of a compound selected from the group consisting of water soluble polyvinyl alcohol and calcium stearate;

(b) sand in an amount of from 1.8 to 2.5 parts by weight based on one part by weight of the calcium sulfate hemihydrate; and

(c) water in an amount of from 0.6 to 0.9 parts by weight based on one part by weight of the calcium sulfate hemihydrate, the mix when set characterized by a dust free surface.

2. The mix of claim 1 which comprises a surfactant, an extender and a fluidizer present in the composition in an effective amount.

3. A composition for use in a flooring mix which when mixed with sand and water will set to form a flooring having a dust free surface which consists essentially of;

calcium sulfate hemihydrate admixed with 0.005625 parts $\pm 50\%$ of a compound selected from the group consisting of water soluble polyvinyl alcohol and calcium stearate.

4. The composition of claim 3 which includes effective amounts of surfactant, extender and fluidizer.

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